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Attorney Docket No. 19635-000210US ^{PATENT}

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

GERARDO V. NORIEGA

Application No.: 09/644,201

Filed: August 22, 2000

For: GUIDEWIRE FOR CROSSING
OCCLUSIONS OR STENOSES

Examiner: V. Nguyen

Art Unit: 3731

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks section begins on page 13 of this paper.